scheme is in place and detailed modalities of execution are being worked out. Initially, it is proposed to allocate a small fund from the existing finance of PFC. Depending upon the response to the scheme a planned allocation by PFC shall be decided.

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister the number of power projects that were started in the Eighth and Ninth Plans, but not completed. There is a delay. So, what efforts the Government are making to complete these projects, at least, in the Tenth Plan period? Second part of my supplementary is: What is the total target of power generation envisaged in the Tenth Five Year Plan and to what extent power shortage would be there in the Tenth Plan? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Milk Supplier to Goa unit of Indian Navy

*704. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Goa unit of Indian Navy has rejected tender of ASC supplier for supply of milk and accepted tender of a Solapur based supplier;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ASC contractor has been supplying fresh milk procured from Belgaum based cooperative for the last several years and he was issued a certificate for satisfactory service;

(c) whether Solapur based supplier is supplying preserved milk at higher cost which reaches Goa after 3-4 days of its procurement which is dangerous for health; and

(d) the reasons for rejecting tender of ASC contractor and accepting tender of Solapur based supplier situated 500 km. away from Goa?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Contract for supply of milk are governed by instructions issued by the Ministry of Defence from time to time. The policy laid

down on 13th August, 1985 is that contracts for the supply of milk will be concluded with Government Milk Schemes/National Cooperative Dairy Federations of India, including the Maharashtra State Government Schemes without calling for tenders.

On 11th August 1986, keeping in view the dispersed nature of the Armed Forces, it was clarified by the Ministry that if Government Milk Schemes/Cooperative Federations are not able to supply milk products, a certificate to this effect may be obtained and contracts for such supply may be concluded with the registered ASC/Military Farms contractors with the prior approval of Ministry of Defence.

On 6th September, 2000 the Ministry of Defence while reiterating the earlier instructions added the proviso that to introduce a measure of competition, concerned formation Headquarters will seek quotations from all Member Federations interested in supplying the fresh milk in a particular place.

Based on the above guidelines, the Flag Officer Goa Area (FOGA) had concluded contracts with M/s Kashi Dairy and Sweets, Vasco-da-Gama, Goa for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 at a rate of Rs. 15.65 and Rs. 17.65 per litre respectively.

Based on the past practice, FOGA issued on open tender through newspapers on 12th November, 2001 for supply of milk. On the advice of Controller of Defence Accounts (Navy) it was decided by the Competent Authority to follow the Ministry's guidelines issued on 6th September, 2000. Accordingly, it was decided not to open these tenders and instead go in for a limited tender inquiry.

FOGA issued a fresh, limited tender inquiry for the year 2002-2003 on 8th February, 2002 to five milk cooperatives of the region. The quotations from these five milk cooperatives were opended by a duly constituted Committee on 25th February, 2002.

The contract was awarded to M/s Solapur Zilla Sahakari Dudh Utpadak Sangh, Solapur at a negotiated price of Rs. 15.50 per litre inclusive of transportation and delivery charges.

The contract become effective from 1st April, 2002 and the cooperative is supplying milk on a daily basis, in prescribed packing. There has been on complaint regarding the quality of the milk.